



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 310

LCO No. 1618



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT REQUIRING KILL SWITCHES FOR SMARTPHONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7 of public act 15-142 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "smartphone" means a hand-held cellular
4 mobile telephone or other mobile voice communications handset
5 device that includes all of the following features: (1) A mobile
6 operating system, (2) the capability to utilize mobile software
7 applications, access and browse the Internet, utilize text messaging,
8 utilize digital voice service and send and receive electronic mail, (3)
9 wireless network connectivity, and (4) the capability of operating on a
10 long-term evolution network or on any successor wireless data
11 network communication standard. A smartphone does not include a
12 telephone commonly referred to as a "feature" or "messaging"
13 telephone, a laptop computer, a tablet device or a device that has only
14 electronic reading capability.

15 (b) [From the effective date of this section until July 1, 2017, no] No

16 person shall offer a new model of a smartphone for retail sale in this
17 state, unless such smartphone includes software or hardware, or a
18 combination of both, or software that is downloadable upon initial
19 activation upon purchase, that once initiated and successfully
20 communicated by an authorized user, render inoperable the essential
21 features of the smartphone to an unauthorized user.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	PA 15-142, Sec. 7
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Statement of Purpose:

To make permanent the provisions of section 7 of public act 15-142, regarding kill switches for smartphones.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]